

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators who devote their time, skills, and vision to helping ensure the highest standards of conduct and performance by not-for-profit honors organizations which serve the collegiate community; and

**Whereas**, John Balas has attained considerable distinction as the Missouri Regional Coordinator of Phi Theta Kappa, the largest and most prestigious international honor society for two-year colleges; and

**Whereas**, Advisor for Pi Kappa Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Saint Louis Community College in Florissant Valley since 1993, John Balas has served as Missouri Regional Coordinator since 1998 in an ever-important endeavor which he is bringing to an honorable close during 2004; and

**Whereas**, during his work with Phi Theta Kappa, John Balas has earned the Horizon Award for Advisors, the Giles Award for Advisors, the status of Honors Scholar four times, and certification as an Instructor through the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Program; and

**Whereas**, John Balas deserves special commendation for his receipt of Outstanding Faculty Member and Most Influential Faculty Member recognition from Saint Louis Community College and Distinguished College Advisor honors from the National Broadcast Society; and

**Whereas**, John Balas graduated from Lakeland High School in New York in 1964, completed a Bachelor's degree in 1971 and a Master's degree in 1974 at Eastern University of New Mexico in Portales, and engaged in doctoral studies at the University of Tennessee, University of New Mexico, and University of Missouri-Columbia; and

**Whereas**, the beloved husband of Sandra, John Balas also is justifiably proud to be known as the loving father of Deanna, Heather, and Jason:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to commend the accomplishments of John Balas during his six-year tenure as Phi Theta Kappa Missouri Regional Coordinator and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he turns his considerable energies to other important leadership roles; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to John Balas.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Mike Sager  
District No. 48

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker